

Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2010

6:30 pm

Rebecca Mann

Dean Geracimos

Frank Vari

Frank Hill, Mayor

Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Rich Taylor

Ron Francis

Keith Baynes, Town Attorney

Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes from July 7, 2010

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Frank Vari seconded to approve the minutes from July 7, 2010 with minor corrections. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Announcements:

Frank Vari: This Saturday recycling for salvageable metals is on the north side under the water tower. On Tuesday at 2pm there's a meeting at the County Building with the County Commissioners and Towns for the return of the credits for recyclables.

Commissioner Reports:

- Ron Francis Public Works
 Water/Sewer
 Noise

There are problems with the excess grease in the traps. The North well should be online by the end of the week. Well repairs are completed. There is a water/sewer meeting on Monday evening. Moon has planted 11 trees and there are a few more that need to be removed. Will be meeting with the Mayor in regards of the noise complaints from Chesapeake Inn.

- Rebecca Mann Public Safety-Sgt Leas Report from Sheriff's Dept attached
 Charter
 Ethics

- Rich Taylor Financial
Will be meeting with the Treasurer to discuss the water and sewer rates. Unfortunately, it does appear we will have to continue increasing the rates.

- Frank Vari Planning & Zoning
 Historic
 Recycling
 Parking Committee
 5K Run/Walk

There was not a Historic Meeting this month because there were no applications. The Parking Committee meets the second Thursday of the month. Wants to recognize the awards that the CCVFC received at Convention in Ocean City. Currently working on a 'I Love Chesapeake City' Program with different items the city can sell for fund, i.e. magnets, bumper stickers and crab mallets. Was contacted by the principal of the Elementary School to come and give a talk about recycling. They would like to be part of our program, but they will pay per container. They want to get the children in the habit of recycling.

- Dean Geracimos Parks & Recreation Committee
 Docks
 Little League

There is a bus trip to NYC on December 4th. Will be meeting with the principal at the high school to get students more involved coming down and helping in town on a monthly basis. To get more use of Helen Titter Park, the minor football organization (7-8 year olds) using it as a practice area. The grass at HTP is coming through mulch – it's 6-8". At Union Park, the support pole, could it be replaced to improve the look. Will work with Frank and possibly Verizon. The Little League is creating a Fall League again this year.

Office Reports:

- Sharon Weygand – Report attached
- Valerie Walls -P&L Report attached
- Frank Hill : We are still considering dredging around the finger docks

Old Business

- **Boat Leesees** – will discuss at the August workshop
- **Public Parking Lot/Chesapeake City Merchant Employee Parking**
 Located some antique poles. Zach Philips is researching the cost of putting new lamps on them; drafted a letter to SHA for approval. Does not have a price for stone.

New Business

- **Speed Reduction from North Side entrance of Town to BMHS**

There are 12 residential entrances and 26 commercial entrances on this stretch of highway a little over a mile long. Proposing to reduce highway speed from 50mph to 30mph that will only add a minute and twenty-two seconds to the drive time. Dean to contact SHA. There needs to be a letter stating the concerns and requesting a site visit. Dean to meet with the Town Administrator.

- **CCDCA – Ghost Walk**

MOTION: Frank Vari made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded to approve the event application for the annual Ghost Walk. Aye 4 Nay 0 Ron Francis -Abstained

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Junk-Be-Gone Recycling charge increase**

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to leave the recycling contract as it stands, with pick up twice a month at \$400 until after the county decides about the adjusting of their rates. All in favor; motion carried.

- 2. Chesapeake City Fire Boat Show – Beach Family Day**

6 vendors will be in Pell Gardens with food, 5 boats committed - looking for boats over 40' in length. Have spoken with the Dockmaster to close the docks so people will be able to board the vessels. Will be setting up at 8am, event will run from 10am – 6pm.

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Dean Geracimos seconded to approve the event application for the Chesapeake City Fire Boat Show- Beach Family Day contingent upon the insurance form from the fire company. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Event Application – January 5K Race

Not listed on paperwork, but race will also include a 50/50 with the proceeds going towards the recycling program.

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to approve the event application for the January 1, 2011 5K Race/Walk. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Charter Amendment Resolution 4.12.2010.3 to establish the authority and process for the removal of the Mayor and/or any Council Person and the filling of vacancies.

Resolution does not address unexcused absences.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to table the Charter Amendment Resolution to review additional changes in the workshop and vote in September. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT –(not verbatim)

Dean Geracimos: Looking into a Winterfest of Lights – Move to August Workshop

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Mike Estees: The Fire Company Picnic is September 5th, Noon-6pm with crabs and corn on the cob.

Frank Vari: Wants to thank Lee Collins for his service and dedication to the Town Council.

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, Frank Vari seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer

Frank Hill, Mayor